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Prohibit the sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday in Ireland.

A.D. 1878.

WHEREAS the sale of intoxicating liquors in Ireland is prohibited during certain hours on Sunday, and it will be for the public benefit to extend such prohibition to the whole of that day, and with a view to such extension otherwise to amend the law regulating licensed houses in the manner by this Act provided:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Extension of Acts prohibiting sale of intoxicating liquors to the whole of Sunday.

1. All the provisions of any Act now in force whereby the sale or exposing for sale of intoxicating liquors, or the opening or keeping open of any premises for the sale of intoxicating liquors, is prohibited during any hours or times on Sunday, are hereby extended to the whole of Sunday.

Travellers' exemption orders.

2. The licensing justices, on the occasion of any application for a certificate for a new license, or for the transfer or renewal of a license which authorises the sale of any intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises, upon its being proved to their satisfaction that it is necessary or desirable so to do for the accommodation of bonâ fide travellers, may (if they shall think fit) grant to any person so applying for a certificate for a new license, or a transfer or renewal of a license, an order, in this Act termed a travellers' exemption order, exempting such person from the provisions of this Act, so far as the same would apply to the sale of intoxicating liquors by retail to bonâ fide travellers; and nothing in this Act shall be deemed to prohibit the person to whom such exemption or order shall be granted from doing at any time on Sunday any act, matter, or thing, which by the provisions of any Act now in force

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is authorised to be done on Sunday, during the hours or times during which the sale of intoxicating liquors is by such Act prohibited, but the provisions of all Acts relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors by retail in reference to bonâ fide travellers, or authorising or prohibiting the doing of any act, matter, or thing, at any hours or times on Sunday during which the sale of intoxicating liquors is by the said Acts prohibited, shall be construed as if the whole of Sunday were substituted in the said Acts for the hours or times on Sunday therein named: Provided that nothing in the said Acts shall, after the coming into operation of this Act, be construed as authorising any person licensed to sell intoxicating liquor to be consumed on the premises to sell such liquor to bonâ fide travellers, unless such person shall be the holder of such travellers' exemption order; and if any person, except a licensed person to whom such travellers' exemption order shall be granted, sell any intoxicating liquor on Sunday, he shall be deemed to be selling intoxicating liquor in violation of the provisions of this Act.

Penalties for selling of intoxicating liquors during prohibited hours extended to whole of Sunday.

3. All penalties now in force under the provisions of any Act for selling or exposing for sale, or purchasing, or opening, or keeping open any premises for the sale of intoxicating liquors, or being present in or upon any such premises during any hours or times on Sunday, and all provisions of any Acts now in force in reference to such penalties, are hereby extended to any violation of the provisions of this Act.

Construction of Act.

4. The Licensing Acts (Ireland), 1872–1874, as amended by this Act, and this Act, shall be construed together as one Act.

Exemptions.

5. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to sales of intoxicating liquor to lodgers, or to the sale of intoxicating liquor in packet boats, or in canteens in pursuance of any Act regulating the same, or shall preclude the sale at any time at a railway station of intoxicating liquors to persons arriving at or departing from such station by railroad.

Commencement of Act.

6. This Act shall come into operation on the *first of October one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight;* provided that nothing herein contained shall prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor in pursuance of any license now held until the expiration of the period for which such license has been granted.

Short title.

7. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Sale of "Liquors on Sunday (Ireland) Act, 1878."

Extension of Act.

8. This Act shall extend to Ireland only.

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[Bill 44.]

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